

REPORT OF NEW BEGINNINGS

On behalf of New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Alton for their continued support. Your 2004 allocation of One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00), has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provides advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county.

New Beginnings has had advocates and staff in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated over 20,000 service hours. All services are provided free of charge.

We are members of the state-wide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of State and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that affects victims of domestic and sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keller
Executive Director